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Mr. Jeffrey R. Vonk, Director
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Henry A. Wallace Building
502 East 9th Street
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Dear Mr. Vonk:

Re: Approval of TMDL for Littlefield Lake

This letter responds to the submission from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) originally received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 on August 21, 2006, for a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) document which contains a TMDL for algae and turbidity. Littlefield Lake was identified on the 2004 Iowa §303(d) list as impaired. This submission fulfills the Clean Water Act statutory requirement to develop TMDLs for impairments listed on a state's §303(d) list. The specific impairment (water body segment and pollutant) are:

Water Body Name	WBID	pollutant
Littlefield Lake	IA 0-NSH-00675-L	algae and turbidity

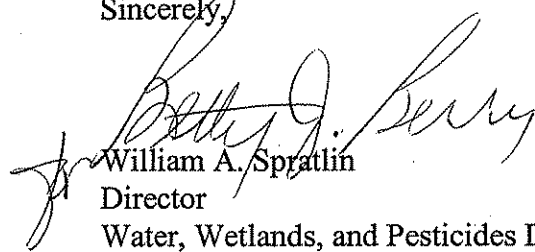
EPA has completed its review of the TMDL with supporting documentation and information. By this letter, EPA approves the submitted TMDL. Enclosed with this letter is the Region 7 TMDL Decision Document which summarizes the rationale for EPA's approval of the TMDL. EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDL described in the enclosed form adequately address the pollutant of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

EPA is currently in consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding this TMDL. While we are approving this TMDL at the present time, we may decide that changes to the TMDL are warranted based upon the results of the consultation when it is completed.

We appreciate the thoughtful effort that IDNR has put into this TMDL. EPA will

continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by IDNR to develop remaining TMDLs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William A. Spratlin", is written over the typed name and title.

William A. Spratlin

Director

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Enclosure

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